



# VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

## Budget Summary

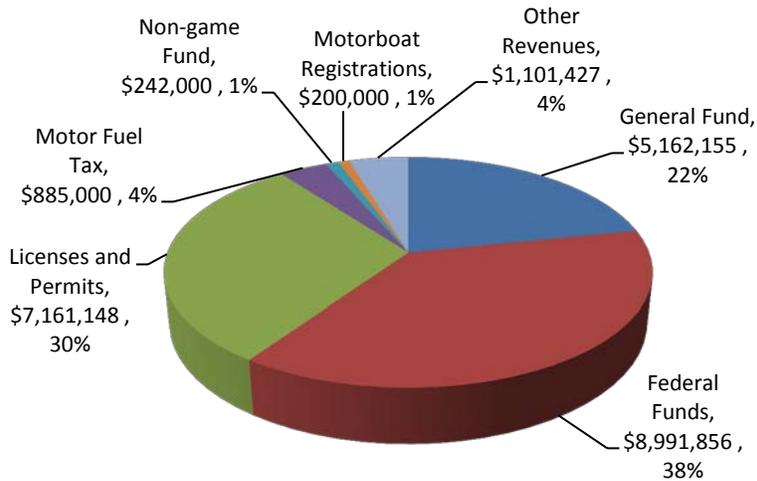
### Revenues

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department manages a dozen separate funds, many with a dedicated purpose. An example of these funds includes the Non-game Fund, Fish & Wildlife Trust Fund, Duck Stamp Fund, and Watershed Management Fund. This financial structure provides the Department with a diversified revenue stream and dedicated funding for various programmatic objectives.

The Department generates over 90% of its revenues from general funds, federal funds, and license sales. In the past five years the Department has seen an increase in all three of these revenue streams allowing it to keep pace with expenses.



### FY16 Budgeted Revenues



### Expenditures

The majority of the Department's expenditures are focused on personal services costs to employ 138 classified and exempt staff and 50+ temporary staff. The Department's staff is its most critical asset, as biologists, game wardens, fish culture specialists, and administrative staffs serve Vermonters and their wildlife and fisheries resources.

In future years the Department will have to plan for the continued increased costs of personal services, internal service funds, and operations.

### Quick Facts

- Over the past five years the Department has seen an increase in license sale revenues but declining participation.
- Federal Sport Fish Restoration funding is based on excise taxes on fishing equipment, motorboat and small engines, and import duties.
- Federal Wildlife Restoration funding is based on excise taxes from the sale of firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment.
- The Non-game Fund generates revenues from the sale of conservation license plates and donations made through the personal income tax form.

### FY16 Budgeted Expenditures

